

AGENDA



Thursday, May 17, 2007

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 6**

Subject: Approve an amendment to the professional service agreement with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$340,000, for legal counsel related to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program (MBE/WBE), including an updated availability and disparity study of minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budgets of various General Fund and Enterprise Fund Departments.

For More Information: Becky Casares, Assistant City Attorney, 974-2518

Prior Council Action: Council authorized the agreement October 19, 2006.

This action authorizes an amendment to the professional service agreement with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., Austin, TX, for legal counsel related to the City's MBE/WBE Program, including an updated availability and disparity study of minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., have provided legal counsel and advice to the City relating to the City's MBE/WBE program for over a decade. Lino Mendiola of that firm is recognized as a legal expert on the issues relating to MBE/WBE programs. This action will allow the City to continue to receive legal counsel and advice relating to the City's MBE/WBE Program including the adoption and implementation of an updated availability and disparity study.